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Applicant IN-Q-BATOR LIMITED et al.				
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):*

Description, Pages

1-7 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-10 as originally filed

Drawings, Sheets

1/3-3/3 as originally filed

- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
 4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
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(SEPARATE SHEET)**

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Re Item I

Basis of the report

The examination is being carried out on the **following application documents:**

Text for the Contracting States:

AL AT BE BG CH CY CZ DE DK EE ES FI FR GB GR HU IE IT LI LT LU LV MC MK NL PL PT RO SE SI SK
TR

Description, pages:

1-7 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-10 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/3-3/3 as originally filed

Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Closest Prior Art

Document GB 240 263 A (D1), which is also concerned with the "jamming" of refuse
breaking apparatus (**page 4, lines 24-29**), is considered to represent the closest available
prior art.

2. Difference

The subject-matter of claim 1 differs from that of D1, in that with the breaking apparatus of claim 1 the bottles are broken with pivoting hammers mounted on a shaft (22) located outside of the hopper, such that the path of the hammers extends arcuately into and through the hopper (17) and towards and through the stop means (31) of the chamber (27 to 32, 35) so that the hammers impact on bottles located in the path against the stop means (31).

3. Objective Problem

Providing a breaking apparatus where the jamming is eliminated or reduced to a minimum in order to reduce the processing costs.

Since none of the available prior art documents discloses such a solution, the subject-matter of claim 1 can be considered both, as novel and inventive (Art. 33 (1)-(3) PCT).

4. Industrial Application

The industrial application is obvious (Art. 33(1) and (4) PCT).